

## Oct 2019 Newsletter



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### Meetings

#### SAL

Wednesday Oct 9, 7 PM

#### Auxiliary

Thursday Oct 17, 7 PM

#### American Legion

Tuesday Oct 29

E-board 6 PM

Legion 7 PM

## From the Desk of the Commander

Just a recap of how well the Post is doing: Bingo reports for August \$2500 & September \$3000, Queen of Hearts prize is \$3100, Sat night dance and entertainment fundraising earned \$9600 in August, New Year's dance sold out except for 16 seats, Centennial Dance and Post birthday party sold out, membership is booming— people are flocking back to our new post. We have entertainment every Mon, Weds, Fri and Saturday nights. Monday-Bar Poker, Tues-Dog N Suds \$2.50, Friday-Red shirt day and Fish Fry, Sat-Got it Games, Sunday Pool Tournament, NFL Sunday and potluck starting at 1 pm.

**Bob Farrell**

**Commander**

## Auxiliary

Dear Auxiliary Member, it is with regret that I inform you that we have suspended the LUCKY 4 games on Tues, at least until the snowbirds return. Hopefully we can resume this new special game with wild cards in November. Watch the newsletter for updates and follow the Facebook page for information and additions as well as all the things coming up which may be of interest to you.

On Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2PM we will have a speaker for all members interested in "Growing Old Wisely". This will be an informational lecture on how we can keep our bodies and our minds healthy and be happy doing it. There is no charge for this event but a donation will be greatly appreciated.

The cookbook will be ready for Christmas Sales. We are looking forward to this fundraiser, not only for the folks that will benefit from the Auxiliary donating but to those who enjoy cooking and trying out new recipes not to mention all the hints that have been included within the pages of this cookbook.

Our Bingo Polo Shirt sales are doing well and bringing in some extra funds to help those in need and those that have purchased them and are wearing them to Bingo are looking good.

Our T-Shirts for the 100-year Anniversary Celebration are being printed as I write this. Be sure to order one. The Color will be the Post 7 colors Royal Blue with gold printing. Be sure to order one while they last "L", "XL", "XXL".

**Judy Thompson**

**President Auxiliary**

## S.A.L. Corner

### Friends and Family

October has snuck up on us once again. Some squadrons are enjoying a taste of Autumn crisp in the air. Others are enjoying the splendor of the leaves changing color, before they die off. We are awaiting the annual color change of license plates, which indicates our northern friends have returned. WELCOME BACK, Y'ALL!! We have entertainment in the lounge several evenings a week now. Winter hours are now in effect, meaning, the canteen is generally open until 9pm now. YES!!

Membership renewal cards have been coming in steady and are being processed quickly. Quick note. Unless you live out of the general area, or specifically request mailing, your 2020 membership cards will be available in the Canteen within 7 days of dues being received. Over 70 members have been processed thus far. Kudos to the guys who get their dues in early, makes it much easier later.

The S.A.L. Pool Tournament is starting Oct 6th. Signup sheet on bulletin board. This is a basic, continuous bi-weekly tournament, \$5 buy in, winner takes all. There is a 12-player cap. Post 7 rules apply. NO SLOP!! No APA nitpicking, please! Call your shot, call your 8, basic and friendly. Flyers are up, with dates listed. Dates are subject to change, depending on any unknown Sunday event. Dates are all on the Sons Facebook page, "Sons of the American Legion, Squadron7". Check the calendar for all the events lined up, there are too many to list

As always, we thank the Legion members for their support, and our veterans for all they have done.

For God, Country, and Community

**Mike Loblein, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 7**

### Membership Report

Our membership renew rate is 50% currently. The Commander and Adjutant leads everyone in recruiting new and members who would like to transfer to Post 7. Many of you encounter individuals who have never been a member of the American Legion or someone who might want to transfer to Post 7 so I really don't understand why members are not letting their friends know about the American Legion. Recently there was a major change in membership eligibility, having to service during a designated war era has been removed as criteria to join. The requirements are to have served one active duty day and have an honorable discharge since December 7, 1941. Surely a lot of your friends now meet this criterion. All you have to do is pick up some forms from the office or just introduced them to the Commander (Bob Farrell) when you attend a function at the Post, and he will take it from there. Anyone who needs to meet with the Membership Chair (Harry Coble), just call (727) 442-5293 and press 3 for the office. The Membership Chair is normally in the office on Thursdays from 11 am until 3 pm. Please call before you come to make sure the Membership is in that day. The Membership Chair can also help those who would like to become Sons of the American Legion (SAL) or American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). Please note that changes have also been made to who can become a SAL or ALA member.

### Membership Chairperson

**Harry Coble**

## **Committees Reports:**

### **House**

Fans and Lighting have been added to the smoking Area

Fans in the Lounge and entrance have been replaced

A/C was repair by Fraser at no cost to the Post (saved us \$4000-\$6000)

Lounge Ceiling Tiles have been replaced

DirectTV issue has been addressed and fixed

### **House Committee Chairperson**

**Bob Christofaro**

### **Lounge Committee**

Hire two New Bartenders

Donna Peters

Natalie Farrell

When you stop in give them a big Post 7 welcome smile and howdy, make them feel part of the Legion family.

**Tom Vitelli**

**Lounge Committee Chairperson**

### **Schools**

Frontier Elementary School has invited Us to Participate in the great American Teach In on Nov 13.

We do a flag folding ceremony, which we encourage student participation. We explain what it means to be a Veteran and answer student questions about the Flag and Veterans.

Board approved donations to:

Sandy Lane Elementary School

Frontier Elementary School

**Tom Vitelli**

**Americanism/Youth Chairperson**

## Veterans Programs

### Service Officer

Robert Christofaro is now Post 7 Service Officer. Robert has years of experience helping Veterans. If you have questions about or need help with VA Benefits, leave a message for Robert at the Post and he will get back to you.

### Tom Vitelli

**Veteran Programs Chairperson**

## Entertainment

**Halloween Monster Bash Thursday Oct 31st Band Above Water. Costume contest prizes, 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25, goodies at all the tables. Call for reservation (843-467-04160) tickets are \$10 dollars, at door \$12 dollars.**

**Doo-Wop show and dance Friday Dec 27, prizes for best 50's costume, music by the Tri-Tones. Call for reservation (843-467-0416) tickets are \$10 dollars, at door \$12 dollars.**

### Bob Farrell

**Commander**

## 100 Years Anniversary Nov 15, 2019

Tickets are now available for \$15 which includes: The Band (Sequel), a pasta dinner with salad, roll and dessert.

Reservations only: For tickets call (843-467-0416)

## Post Everlasting

Monday Nov 11, at 11 am Post Everlasting Ceremony.

Ceremony Honoring are comrades in arms who have joined their buddies in Post Everlasting

Following the Post Everlasting Ceremony, we have our third annual Chile Cook off in the Lounge.

Prizes and bragging rights to the winners

Entertainment 1-4 pm

## **For the Good of the Order**

Board Approved a donation to Sylvan Abbey Charity

Board Approved a donation to the Salvation Army

## **For God and Country**

**Tom Vitelli**

**The Editor**